

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER

Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Wood Lane, Bramdean

Present: Matthew Morton (Chairman, Parish Council), 4 Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk,
31 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Graham Budd, James Bulloch, Kashy Hawkings, Cllr Rob Humby, Chris McCrystal, Cllr Laurence Ruffell, Paul & Sandy Stevens, David & Jenny Templeman, George Upex, PS Bethan Wood.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2017 were received.
3. Annual Report of the Parish Council - Matthew Morton

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their help and support over the past year. Special thanks to Vice-Chairman, Barbara Holyome, who also represents this area on the South Downs National Park Authority, to Kashy Hawkings (Chairman of the Recreation Committee) and to Chris McCrystal for maintaining the parish website.

We are grateful to Tony Harding for his work as Flood Warden, also to Justin Berryman (Deputy Flood Warden) and to residents and riparian owners for their co-operation. Thanks also to our nominee to Blake's Educational Charity, Hazel Flindt, to our Internal Auditor, Seamus McLaughlin, and to Neighbourhood Watch Village Co-ordinator, Chris Day. Amber Thacker has resigned from the City Council and we wish her well in the future.

Last autumn saw the passing of another village stalwart, Audrey Blake. The Parish Council is grateful for Audrey's contribution to our community, particularly fundraising for the Recreation Ground and the Children's Christmas Party.

The Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April 2017 was attended by six Parish Councillors, our County Councillor, a representative from the Police, the Clerk and 15 members of the public. Afterwards we flew back to World War II for "Silk Stockings and Spitfires" with John Smith, the little known story of the young women pilots who were recruited into the Air Transport Auxiliary and served with such distinction throughout the war.

Four Parish Council meetings were held in the past year. The Parish Council was represented at The Mayor's Sunday Service. Parish Councillors attended meetings organised by Winchester City Council, the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, the Winchester District Association of Local Councils, the Police and Crime Panel and the Passenger Transport Forum.

During the past year we considered 18 planning applications (22 in 2016/17). Topics considered ranged from flash flooding to improving access to Primrose Cottages, the ownership of the hedge from Mead Cottage to The Fox and providing wheely bins near the parking areas on Bramdean Common.

There being no firm preference for or against at the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting, it was decided that the installation of a defibrillator should be a community initiative, not funded by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council continued to support the Southern Water "Water Efficiency Project" and began to consider what changes might be needed to implement the General Regulation for Data Protection.

“Slow” markings were painted on the tarmac at either end of the 30 mph limit in Wood Lane. The Parish Council continued to press for sensible speed limits over a reasonable distance on the A272. Preliminary enquiries have been made to install speed gates, thought to contribute towards the lowering of vehicle speed, at the village boundaries.

Finally, the WI Scrapbook for 1992 has been uploaded to the website. We continue to receive enquiries from people with former links to the two villages, including a descendant of the Head Gardener at Bramdean House in the 1930s!

4. Parish Council Accounts for year ending 31st March 2018 subject to audit

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| Receipts | 16/17 | 17/18 | Payments | 16/17 | 17/18 |
| Balance b/fwd | 7376.52 | 7340.98 | Admin/Sundries | 883.86 | 1026.15 |
| Donations | - | - | Capital Spending | - | - |
| Grant Aid | - | - | Clerk’s Pay | 3694.68 | 3694.68 |
| Refunds, etc | - | - | Donations | 981.00 | 868.00 |
| | | | Insurance/Legal | 436.89 | 455.80 |
| Precept/CTS* | 7250.00 | 7250.00 | Subscriptions | 294.00 | 334.00 |
| <i>Recreation Ground</i> | | | <i>Recreation Ground</i> | | |
| Donations | - | - | Capital Spending | - | - |
| Grant Aid | 495.00 | - | Sundries/Maintenance | 1187.60 | 256.22 |
| Refunds, etc | - | - | | | |
| VAT reclaim | - | 539.69 | VAT | 302.51 | 141.40 |
| | 15121.52 | 15130.67 | | 7780.54 | 6776.25 |
| | | | Total c/fwd | 7340.98 | 8354.42 |

5. Report of the Recreation Committee - Kashy Hawkings

I would like to thank my fellow committee members and in particular Adrian Taylor for their continued support this year. Adrian, despite moving out of the village, continues to maintain the ground beautifully. We were sorry to hear of the death of Audrey Blake last year whose fundraising over the years on behalf of the Recreation Ground had been much appreciated.

We had a good annual inspection, with a couple of repairs to be made to the high platform on The Twist. This will be undertaken in this financial year. We are undertaking a programme of cutting back the vegetation which is encroaching from the gardens surrounding the ground and would be grateful if home owners who back on to the Recreation Ground could keep their side cleared as much as possible.

6. The accounts (subject to audit) of Blake’s Educational Charity, Reg No 307197, were laid before the meeting. Those present were invited to direct any queries to the Treasurer, James Bulloch.

7. The accounts of Bramdean and Hinton Ampner Village Hall, Reg No 301764, were laid before the meeting. Those present were invited to direct any queries to the Treasurer, Yasmin Curry.

8. The accounts of The Friends of Bramdean Children were not available. Those present were invited to direct any queries to the Treasurer, Sarah Densham.

9. Rob Humby, County Councillor

It was noted that Rob Humby could be contacted via rob.humby@hants.gov.uk.

10. Report of Laurence Ruffell, City Councillor

Winchester City Council was continuing its zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping in the District following the successful prosecution of two men who ignored the law. The City Council had purchased Coventry House, Barfield Close from Vaultex UK Ltd to expand the Park & Ride parking scheme to support its aim to improve the quality of the environment by reducing congestion and improving air quality. The City Council was also supporting residents taking their first steps on the housing ladder through myhome - the Partnered Home Purchase Scheme. The pilot-scheme offered residents the chance to choose an open-market home which the Council bought. Those participating would lease a 50 to 70% share back from the Council and pay the authority a rent on the remaining share. Further information was available from 01962 848075 and www.winchester.gov.uk/myhome.

11. Report of PS Bethan Wood, Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Rhys Griffiths explained he was responsible for Bramdean, Hinton Ampner and the surrounding area including Alresford. The Policing Team was delighted to have secured a conviction for a string of 14 burglaries, thanks to intelligence from the local community. It was suggested that the Parish Council requested the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator to encourage residents to join the Hampshire Alert scheme for breaking news by email. The Policing Team knew that Boomtown and Motocross caused great concern and would be working with the private security firms engaged for both events.

In the discussion that followed, Barbara Holyome said that as Loomies Cafe' appeared to be a magnet for motorcyclists a deterrent police presence was needed at the West Meon Hut. PCSO Griffiths would raise the matter with PS Wood. Victoria Wakefield said motorcyclists constantly crossed the double white lines outside The Fox. There was particular noise disturbance from speeding motorcyclists in the morning, on fine summer weekends from 6.00 am. Cars and heavy haulage also drove at consistently high speeds around bends on the A272 making vehicular access to properties extremely hazardous. A new officer was being trained to use a speed gun but, as a second officer was needed to pull in offenders, the measure was dependent upon staffing levels. PCSO Griffiths was asked whether the Police could encourage hauliers to install speed tracking systems in vehicles which penalised drivers if they exceeded the speed limit.

12. Esso Consultation on the Southampton to London Pipeline Project

Barbara Holyome said it was necessary to upgrade the Esso pipeline installed in the 1960s. Those present were invited to view the options in the Pipeline Corridor Map Book and indicate their preference to enable the Parish Council to reflect local opinion when responding to the consultation.

13. Any other business

Mandy Bulloch announced the start of a Pop-Up Cafe' in the Village Hall, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, the first Saturday each month from 5th May. The aim was to generate community spirit rather than profit.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Afterwards, Robert Raimes gave an illustrated talk on the complexities of "Growing and Producing English Sparking Wine on the South Downs", followed by a Guided Tasting of Raimes Classic 2014.

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